

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held in the main hall at Gurnard Primary School in Hilton Road, Gurnard on Tuesday 8th September 2009 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Day (Chairman), Harley, Hollis, Mrs McKean, Mrs Pain & Mrs Bugden

Keith Williams from Southern Water was welcomed by the Chairman, and he began by giving a short report on Woodvale Pumping Station and its operation. A spare pump has now been ordered to be kept for breakdowns and should arrive by the end of the year. 2 pumps recently failed together, due to bolts on one shearing and damaging the other. Southern Water's procurement process has been refined, speeding things up somewhat. The odour control unit operates all the time, and the company is baffled by reports of smells when testing proves there are no readings to indicate leaking odours. The noise at the smaller Marsh Road pumping station is almost certainly indicative of a vacuum pump problem, and Keith will investigate further. The Chairman thanked him for coming and requested that he might consider returning, perhaps in December, to give a follow up report.

IW Council Neighbourhoods and Environment Officer Jacqui Darby was on leave so no report was available. PCSO Steve Oatley, on behalf of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team, reported that there had been problems on Gurnard Beach with large gatherings of youths from across the Island partying, causing damage to property and littering. The Police dispersed the youths, but there was a fight later on in Place Road. The Police is keen to host a meeting including the residents affected, the IW Council, the Ward Councillor and the Parish Council to discuss and implement options to prevent a repeat event next summer. Beach patrols are currently being increased on Friday and Saturday nights but these are not sustainable long term. Conversely there was a small group of youths having a BBQ on the beach last weekend with no alcohol present and no problems, clearing away after them.

There have been some speed checks recently in Rew Street, and there were 3 drivers caught speeding in the 30 mph area at 40, 42 and 51mph, all of whom lived in Rew Street!

Comments from members of the public present (2)

Concern was expressed at the seemingly close proximity of the play area fencing to the rear of the beach huts, with the main worry being access for maintenance. It was explained that the situation should become clearer after a site meeting later in the week, but it is believed that there will be space for maintenance.

5055 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Ben Hollis and Nigel Harley have accepted their cooption onto the Parish Council and have both signed their declarations of acceptance of office and their written undertakings to be bound by the Code of Conduct. They have also completed their personal registers of financial and other interests, which have been sent to the Monitoring Officer.

Paul Fuller resigned from the Parish Council to the Chairman on 7/8/09, and the opportunity for electors to demand that the vacancy is filled through a by-election has been given, with a response deadline of 11/9/09. If there is no demand, the cooption process will follow.

5056 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Jacobs who had a prior engagement and from Councillor Mrs Butler who was away.

5057 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hollis made a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 6c due to him being employed as the architect for the applicant.

5058 MINUTES

- a. The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18th August 2009 were received and noted.
- b. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th July 2009 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5059 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 14th JULY 2009

- a. Re Minute 5033c (minute 5021 also refers): The Beachwatch exercise will take place on 20/9/09 from 10am and bags, gloves and litter pickers will be provided. Councillor Day explained that this was a survey exercise and all would be meeting at Woodvale Pumping Station in time for the 10am start.
- b. Re Minute 5038: Cowes Town Council has agreed to share the cost and servicing of an additional dog bin on Princes Esplanade, just east of the Parish boundary.
Resolved: That the Parish Council places an order for the additional dog bin, and invoices Cowes Town Council for 50% of the cost of both the bin and the periodic service charges.
- c. Re Minute 5050 (minutes 4598, 4623 & 5029b also refer): The Village Hall Management Committee has stated that the hall is currently booked up for Tuesday evenings with a dance group, so this would present a problem with the Parish Council's request to meet there.
Resolved: That the Parish Council asks the Hall Management Committee to keep the Parish Council informed should Tuesday evenings become free. That the Parish Council will consider alternative meeting days or venues in the New Year.
- d. Re Minute 5049 (minute 5029a also refers): The IW Council states that enforcement of the seaside byelaw is difficult, but that serious problems would be passed to the Marine Police. Cowes Harbour Master states that neither the Cowes Harbour Commission nor Southampton VTS have any jurisdiction in Gurnard Bay.
It was agreed to consider the prospect of mooring a line of speed limit buoys on the beach approaches and seeking possible sponsorship at next month's meeting.

5060 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Report from Parish Clerk.
The following applications have been approved:
P/00990/09: Demolition of building. Replacement dwelling with parking at 2, Marsh Road, Cowes.
P/00970/09: Renewal: Construction of detached bungalow. Alterations to vehicular access at "Haslemere", Rew Street, Cowes.
The following appeal has been dismissed:
P/02204/08: Demolition of dwelling. Replacement detached dwelling. Vehicular access & parking at 5, Shore Road, Cowes.
Revised plans for **P/01066/09:** Demolition of dwelling. Construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings. Vehicular access (revised Scheme) at 4, Solent View Road have been received. The alterations are minor in detail, and no further comment is required from the Parish Council.
The IW Council has responded to the Parish Council's concerns at its comments not being included in the Woodvale Hotel papers given to the IW Council's Planning Committee with an apology, and an assurance that every effort will be made to avoid a repeat situation.
Planning Enforcement has asked the Parks & Countryside Manager to investigate the erection of posts and rails on Gurnard Beach at the bottom of a Solent View Road garden.
There has been no response yet to the request for confirmation from Planning Enforcement that enforcement of the condition on Clarke's Construction's planning consent to resurface West View Road is unlikely to take place.
- b. **P/01188/09:** Householder application: Demolition of garage. Alterations: single storey extension. Replacement enlarged roof to include roof space accommodation. Replacement garage at 18, Church Road, Cowes.
Resolved: That the Parish Council has no objection to the application and has no further comment to make.

Councillor Hollis left the room for the vote on the following item.

- c. **P/01248/09:** Householder Application: Detached double garage with use of roof space as a home office at "Shepherds Hay", Tuttons Hill, Cowes.
Resolved: That the Parish Council has no objection to the application and has no further comment to make.

5061 REPORTS

- a. Report from IW Councillor
Councillor Fuller handed out a written report to members which included details of the proposed reorganization of the youth connexions service, public realm improvement works, free blood tests at Leisure Centres, Police street mapping, Solent Lawns, Gurnard Beach, fencing and brambles in Baring Road, Princes Esplanade parking, cycling on the Esplanade, Egypt Hill proposed

development, a Town Plan for Cowes, closure of Cross Street car park and a new pavement for Park Road.

b. Parish Clerk's Report

A complaint has been received that revelers have been on Gurnard Beach between the sailing club and the Marsh over the bank holiday, not only making a mess but trespassing and causing damage. Both the IW Council and Cowes Police are involved now. Cowes Police plans a site meeting on the beach sometime in the next couple of weeks to probably include residents, the Ward Councillor, the Parish Council and an IW Council Officer (Councillors Day and Harley plan to attend) – some residents are meeting on 11/9/09.

Damage to 2 of the lifebuoys on Princes Esplanade has been reported.

Councillor Day, Councillor Fuller and the Clerk will be speaking to Year 8 at Solent Middle School about the Parish Council and the Youth Advisor Scheme this month, following which there will be a local election of 2 new youth advisors.

Energy Savings Week runs from 19th to 25th October and it is hoped to profile this in October's Gurnard News.

The Parish Council's website has been updated and added to during the summer, and the Gurnard site has received praise from peer Councils recently.

The Village Hall AGM is at 7.30pm on Thursday 17/9/09, and a Harvest Festival celebration takes place again on Spencer's Field on Saturday 19/9/09 from 3pm to 7pm.

The new basic training and CPD training calendars have been sent to all Councillors, and the Gurnard nameplate sign for Tuttons Hill was replaced at the end of July

The Trading Standards dramatic production event takes place in the Village Hall on 6/10/09 from 10.30am, and it has been widely advertised locally.

Palmer & Harvey damaged a planter in Worsley Road in July, and the company has compensated the In Bloom Committee. Damage was also sustained to some edging boarding for the planted bed outside 7 Worsley Road in August, but the company that caused the damage has repaired it.

The cracks in Winding Way are not repaired yet, but the Area Superintendent is hoping that this can be done at the same time as the upgrading of other pavement areas in the Village. The issue of replacing the white posts at the top of Winding Way has not progressed, but the Area Superintendent will raise the matter again and will also ensure the foliage is kept cut back thereby keeping the walkway clear for pedestrians.

A complaint was received one Sunday from an Albert Road resident about constant gun firing in the area. Investigations revealed this was a shooting party on local farm land – the Police was involved with the investigation.

The wooden posts in Cockleton Lane were all repaired on 27/7/09, but one is apparently damaged again.

The next Councillors' Code of Conduct drop-in session is on 28/9/09 at County Hall from 4pm to 5pm.

There was no response from the Village to the Village SOS project mentioned in July, and Cowes Youth Centre has an EGM at 6pm on 14/9/09.

Councillor Day and the Clerk meet with the IW Council tomorrow to discuss the monitoring/management of the Village Green public toilet block.

Some new licensing changes for Village Halls have been passed on to the Village Hall Chairman.

The Clerk has submitted his Certificate of Local Council Administration portfolio paper for the new Power of Wellbeing module.

The Village Green ladies toilet door has been banging and upsetting Shore Road residents, but Property Services has now adjusted the door closer - also guttering was damaged and toilet roll holders disappeared, but all is repaired now.

IWALC has arranged a special meeting for 1/10/09 to look at new ideas and the way forward, and also an interactive workshop on 5/11/09 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm with the focus being on membership benefits.

The radar vehicle seen in the Village recently is undertaking some radar survey work from the Esplanade at the moment, and the JCB seen by the sailing club slipway was removing the old pumping station outfall.

Home Start has invited the Parish Council to its AGM on Thursday 8/10/09 – noon at the Quay Arts Centre, **and Councillors Mrs Pain and Mrs McKean will attend.**

There is a planning training event on 2/10/09 – 9am to 4pm at County Hall

Some overgrown hedges in Place Road and Baring Road have been reported to the IW Council, and some extinguished lighting on the Esplanade by the beach huts have been lamped up.

Gurnard's walk coordinator has completed the paperwork to include a Gurnard walk in the 2010 IW Walking Festival.

The 2010 May Queen procession may end with a fete in Spencer's field, and the 1st committee meeting will take place in November.

The IW Council has been asked to refill the dog bag dispenser on the Village Green.
The Trafalgar 200 oak tree plaque and post on the Village Green has been uprooted and is in need for some minor maintenance.

- c. Gurnard Play Scheme
Minutes 4651, 4891, 5026 & 5037 refer
A Community Projects Committee member met with the fencing contractor on 18/8/09 and the site was pegged out. £27,841.50 was transferred to Eibe Play on 2/8/09 but the equipment was already ordered – VAT for this payment has been recovered.
A transfer of £5729.16 was made to McArthur's for the fencing on 28/8/09, and manufacturing should be underway. European Union guidelines require the access gates to be of a contrasting colour to the fencing, and the IW Council Planning Case Officer has agreed to the gates being signal green - the invoice for the gates should arrive soon.
Eibe has confirmed the installation start date as 14th September and flyers have been sent to all beach hut owners and local residents & businesses advising them of this. There is one query from a beach hut owner about the close proximity of the fencing, which hopefully will be clarified this week. Eibe has provided evidence of current public liability and employer's liability insurance cover, contract works and professional indemnity.
A start has been made on complying with the Parish Council's publicity obligations to the funding organisations, with details appearing in the IW County Press, Gurnard News and the Parish Council website. A plaque will be required on site to advertise the funding organizations' input. It is planned to arrange a launch event date next month, and planning the access footpath is also outstanding. The seat and litter bin will be ordered later.
The Big Lottery has been given a situation report on the fencing project.
A pre-contract meeting has been arranged between Eibe, the Parish Council and the IW Council for Thursday 10/9/09 at 11am to discuss all the installation details. The Clerk attended a Play Builder Board meeting on 2/9/09, which was just to enable any points of concern to be aired.
The IW Council will be assisting with project management, and the Parish Council discussed how it might contribute to this process.
It was agreed that the Clerk would visit on Fridays with the Councillors covering all other days.
- d. Community Led Planning Event 15/7/09
This was attended by about 28 Councillors & Clerks, and was an IW Rural Community Council event with speakers Estelle Thomas, John Brownscombe and Dagmar Hutt. Following a brief history of the planning system there were 3 main sessions covering Parish Plans, Village Design Statements and the future of Community Plans, and included in the sessions were a few interactive workshop sessions.
- e. IW County Training Partnership Steering Group Meeting 28/7/09
Unfortunately there was no report available.
- f. IW Association Local Councils Executive Committee Meeting 16/7/09
Councillor Day reported that 21 Councils were represented, and included in the meeting was the election of Officers resulting in Gill Kennett becoming Chairman, June Davison Vice-Chairman and Richard Day Treasurer – a finance and general purpose committee was also formed. Appointments to outside bodies were made, but representations will be made about the exclusion of the branch from the IWC Scrutiny Committee. NALC is being asked to consider a motion about lack of consultation in connection with planning amendments, and further investigation into the creation of an IWALC website is underway. An open forum followed and the next meeting is 17/9/09.
- 5062 GURNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE
Minutes 4960 & 5052a refer.
Discussion took place about the future use of the site once the school has relocated, and what the local community might wish.
Resolved: That the Parish Council attempts to form a working party with an appeal through Gurnard News, with a remit to consult with the community on its future use through a questionnaire. Councillors Mrs Bugden and Mrs Pain will serve on the working party, and Councillor Mrs Butler will be asked to serve also.
- 5063 GURNARD PINES
Minute 5052b refers. (4789c also refers.)
Discussion took place over the possible plight of Gurnard Pines residents, especially if notice had been served for them to be ejected from their homes for November and December and what support might be needed. It seems proper notice was not served.
Resolved: That the Parish Council takes no further action at this time.

- 5064 SWINE FLU PANDEMIC
Minute 5052c refers
Discussion took place about the pandemic, and whether any provision or action was required from the Parish Council.
Resolved: That the Parish Council takes no further action at this time.
- Resolved: That Standing Orders are suspended to allow the meeting to continue past 9.30pm.**
- 5065 PARKING IN GURNARD VILLAGE
Minute 5052d refers. (Minutes 4889d, 4906 & 4937 also refer)
Concerns have been raised about parking congestion particularly in Tuttons Hill, Hilton Road and Cockleton Lane which is considered to have been exacerbated if not caused by the SID central island and associated restricted parking in Tuttons Hill.
Resolved: That the Parish Council approaches Highways again in an attempt to have the central island removed, the SID relocated to the roadside and the restricted parking measures relaxed. That Steve Benyon and David Pugh be copied in.
- 5066 GURNARD HEIGHTS FOOTPATH
The IW Council has asked the Parish Council to consider clearing away all the garden refuse seemingly dumped by local residents on the footpath perimeters.
Resolved: That the Parish Council requests advice from the Neighbourhoods and Environment Officer in dealing with the refuse, and writes to all householders backing onto the footpath to deter them from what is considered fly tipping.
- 5067 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES
- a. IWALC Deputy Representative
It was not possible to fill this post at this time
 - b. Island Waste Advisory Group
It was not possible to fill this post at this time
 - c. Older Voices Circle
It was not possible to fill this post at this time
 - d. Community Projects Committee
It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Bugden would fill the vacancy.
- 5068 VICTORIAN DRINKING FOUNTAIN ON PRINCES ESPLANADE
Some Public Realm funds have become available to restore the drinking fountain on Princes Esplanade, but not enough to complete the work. The Parish Council has been asked to contribute £1500 to the £5100 project.
Resolved: That the Parish Council offers £750 from this year's street furniture budget, and £750 from the 2010/2011 budget.
- 5069 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
A draft community engagement strategy was presented and approval considered.
Resolved: That the Parish Council approves the community engagement strategy.
- 5070 GURNARD VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION TERMS OF REFERENCE
Minute 5035h refers
2 changes to the Village Hall Association's terms of reference were requested, to enable committee members to serve beyond 3 years and to hold the AGM in the autumn.
Resolved: That the Parish Council approves clause 3 to be changes to allow the AGM to be held between 1st September and 30th November, and that clause 3g be changed to read "Committee members normally may stand for re-election if they wish to do so".
- 5071 IW ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS INFORMATION
IWALC has requested that some information, such as minutes, is allowed to be posted on the Parish Council's website for the benefit of Councillors and the public.
Resolved: That the Parish Council declines to offer this facility.
- 5072 CONSULTATIONS
- a. Council Tax Demand Notice Regulations including Efficiency Information
It was agreed that the Parish Council considers the proposals to be sound and that it generally supports the initiatives.

- b. IW Council Reorganisation of the IW Youth Service
Resolved: That the Parish Council considers the proposals for reorganization poorly structured leading to some areas of the IW being excluded, including the Cowes area. The aim of the reorganization is stated as reaching the hard-to-reach and the deprived, yet Cowes is such a place.
- c. Strengthening Local Democracy
It was agreed that the Parish Council would decline to comment.
- d. Statement of Licensing Policy 2010-2013
It was agreed that the Parish Council would decline to comment.
- e. Options for Waste Sites & Other Alternatives to Landfill
It was agreed that the Stag Lane site is the best option, due to the funds already spent in the local road infrastructure.

5073 ACCOUNTS

- a. Petty Cash
The Parish Council was given the details of the £27.82 expenditure from this account since the last meeting.
- b. External Audit 2009
The annual return was returned seeking further clarification about variances and the allocation of staff costs. There seemed to be a lack of clarity in what was being asked for, as well as there being some inconsistencies. The annual return has now been resubmitted.
Resolved: To request IWALC to consider making representations to the Audit Commission seeking clarification of its requirements for explaining variances and what should be included under each box heading, and perhaps hosting a training event on the Island to explain this fully.
- c. **Resolved: To confirm the following payments:**

Salaries (August)	£920.17
Post Office Ltd (August)	£429.16
Fuhrmann's Signs	£354.20
McArthurs Ltd	£5729.16
Members' Allowances	£4.00
Eibe Ltd	£27841.50
IWRCC	£12.00
SLCC	£15.00
SLCC	£379.50
Banner Business Supplies	£70.78
S Dines	£16.00
- d. **Resolved: To make the following payments:**

Telephone	£63.05
Travelling	£21.64
Ferry Fare	£54.00
Parking	£5.00
Salaries (September)	£925.13
Post Office Ltd	£432.46
- e. **Resolved: To transfer £92.90 from the Parish Council's HSBC Treasurer's account to its HSBC Business account.**

5074 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. Status of Solent Lawns footpath in vicinity of 64/66 Worsley Road
- b. Trees on Village Green
- c. Gurnard Marsh collapsed footpath.

5075 **Resolved: That in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

5076 REPORT ON THE PERSONNEL WORKING PARTY

The personnel working party gave a short update report on its work in connection with the Parish Clerk's terms and conditions of employment

The meeting closed at 10.28pm.

CHAIRMAN